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SUBJECT: LARGE DRUG SEIZURE

1. NEWS HEADLINES TODAY INDICATED THE SEIZURE HERE OF A SHIPMENT OF NARCOTICS FROM THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA WORTH HK\$12 MILLION (US\$2.5 MILLION). ADDITIONALLY, ONE TON OF ACETIC ANHYDRIDE WAS ALSO SEIZED FROM A CRATE OFF-LOADED FROM A JAPANESE VESSEL. A WOMAN, BELIEVED TO BE VERY PROMINENT IN NARCOTICS CIRCLES AND ALSO SUSPECTED TO BE HONG KONG'S "DRUG QUEEN", WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS A RESULT OF THE DRUG SEIZURE.

2. THE SEIZURE OCCURRED AFTER TWO WEEKS OF INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS BY THE NARCOTICS BUREAU. WHEN COUPLED WITH THE OTHER SIZEABLE SEIZURES OF RECENT MONTHS, THE SERIOUSNESS OF PREVENTIVE EFFORTS BY THE HONG KONG AUTHORITIES IS APPARENT.

3. THE ACETIC ANHYDRIDE WAS WORTH HK\$300,000 (US\$60,000) AND WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO PROCESS 2,300 POUNDS OF HEROIN. LABORATORIES FOR PRODUCING ACETIC ANHYDRIDE LOCALLY WERE RECENTLY RAIDED BY THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE AND ALMOST ALL OF THE CHEMICAL IS SMUGGLED IN
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